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Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Tenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe

1. At its 2nd meeting, held on 22 June 2015, the Meeting considered item 4 of the agenda, entitled "Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Tenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe". The Meeting had before it a document prepared by the Secretariat (UNODC/HONEURO/11/4) on the basis of information provided by Governments in response to a questionnaire sent to all States participating in the Meeting of HONLEA, Europe. The document reflected the replies received as at 24 April 2015 from governments of Armenia, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Greece, Finland, Georgia, Hungary, Israel, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Luxembourg, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. After that date, responses to the questionnaire had been received from Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Slovakia and Turkey, which the Secretariat, due to the late submission, had not been able to reflect in the report.

2. Upon invitation by the Chair, the representatives of France, Italy, Slovakia and Turkey orally informed the meeting on the status of implementation of the recommendations adopted at the 10th HONLEA Europe meeting.

3. With regard to the implementation of the recommendations concerning demand reduction related measures, several delegations informed the meeting on the existence of alternative measures to incarceration for consumption-related drug

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offences. Information was also provided on training activities for officers and health workers working in prisons with drug users.

4. With regard to the implementation of the recommendations concerning new psychoactive substances, the meeting was informed of various national strategies aiming to detect and identify NPS, also through monitoring of Internet sites used to sell such substances. The meeting also discussed the relevance of Early Warning Systems and of the exchange of real-time information. The meeting was informed about emergency scheduling measures in place in a number of countries. The need for quick responses and for effective regional cross-border cooperation was highlighted. Participants discussed that while the use of modern technology for drug trafficking caused new challenges, at the same time social media provided opportunities in terms of prevention and awareness-raising, reaching in particularly also young people.

5. With regard to the implementation of the recommendations concerning the countering of the use of containers for drug trafficking purposes, information was provided on ongoing investigation techniques, as well as on trainings provided to officers working in ports.